



FIRST THINGS FIRST

ARIZONA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & HEALTH BOARD

Coconino Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes March 9, 2015

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the First things First Coconino Regional Partnership Council was held on March 9, 2015. The meeting was located at the United Way of Northern Arizona, 1515 E Cedar Ave. Suite D-1, Flagstaff, AZ 86004.

Paula Stefani, Chair for the Coconino Regional Partnership Council, called the meeting to order at approximately 3:05 pm and welcomed all in attendance

Chair Stefani let the Regional Council know that she will move agenda items around because Robert Kelty will call in for part of the meeting.

Members Present:

Amanda Guay; Paula Stefani; Sherri Slayton; Beth Johndrow; Scott Deasy; Noreen Sakiestewa; Debbie Winlock; Allen Chapa

Members Present by Phone:

Robert Kelty

Disclosure of Conflicts

Agenda Item # 6 – Discussion and Possible Approval to Revise Council Action to Defund One QF Center Slot in SFY15 - Member Sakiestewa; Member Johndrow; Chair Stefani

Consent Agenda

Chair Stefani called for a motion to approve the February 9, 2015 minutes with suggested changes. Member Guay motioned to approve the minutes for the February 9, 2015 Coconino Regional Partnership Council Regular meeting. Member Johndrow seconded. Motion carried.

Call to the Public

Chair Stefani asked if there were any calls to the Public. Steve Peru, United Way of Northern Arizona, addressed the Regional Council. Mr. Peru introduced himself as the new CEO for United Way, offering his assistance in any way and thanked the council for the work they have done with KinderCamp.

Council Member Updates

Chair Stefani skipped to this agenda item and asked for any council member updates.

Member Sakiestewa thanked the grantees who presented to the Hopi Tribal Council on February 25.

Member Winlock reported that a job fair was held in Page with attendance at about 490 people looking for job. Member Winlock said she spoke with over 90 people about First Things First.

Discussion and Possible Approval to Revise Council Action to Defund One QF Center Slot in SFY15

Chair Stefani turned the discussion for this agenda item over to Vice Chair Amanda Guay. Vice Chair Guay turned the agenda item over to Ms. Majure for further discussion. Ms. Majure provided a brief explanation of previous actions taken by the Regional Council related to Quality First center slots, including the action taken on September 24th, 2014 in which the Council eliminated one QF center slot for SFY15. Ms. Majure recommended that the Regional Council partially revise that action taken last September which would now allow a new center to be enrolled into Quality First during this fiscal year.

Member Winlock moved that we revise the Regional Council action that was taken on September 24, 2014, which eliminated one Quality First center slot. This action will increase the total number of Quality First center slots to 19 in SFY2015. No additional funding is needed, as Quality First funding is available in SFY2015 to support the enrollment of one additional center into Quality First. Member Kelty seconded. Chair Stefani, Member Johndrow, and Member Sakiestewa declared a conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Grantee Presentations on Programs

Early Steps to School Success (Havasupai Tribe)

Chair Stefani introduced the presenter, Diane Lenz with Save the Children, for her presentation on the Early Steps to School Success home visiting program with the Havasupai Tribe. Ms. Lenz provided an update on the Early Steps to School Success home visiting program including their successes and challenges over this fiscal year along with a story illustrating the impact of their program.

Reach Out and Read (American Academy of Pediatrics, AZ Chapter)

Chair Stefani introduced the presenter, Pam Flake with American Academy of Pediatrics, AZ Chapter, for her presentation on the Reach Out and Read program. Ms. Flake provided an update on the Reach Out and Read program including their successes and challenges over this fiscal year along with a story illustrating the impact of their program.

Review and Discussion of SFY2015 Quarter Two Grantee Data and Financial Report

Chair Stefani turned the discussion for this agenda item over to Ellen Majure. Ms. Majure discussed and provided a review of the SFY2015 quarter two grantee data summary report and the grantee financial report to date.

Discussion and Possible Approval of FTF Directed SFY16 Community Awareness Strategy Budget

Chair Stefani turned the discussion for this agenda item over to Ellen Majure. Ms. Majure provided a review of the FTF-directed SFY16 community awareness strategy budget. Member Chapa moved that we approve the SFY2016 FTF directed Community Awareness Budget in the amount of \$10,000. Member Winlock seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion on Unfunded Approach – Enhancing the Early Care and Education System in Flagstaff

Chair Stefani turned the discussion for this agenda item over to Ellen Majure. Ms. Majure provided a brief review of the Regional Council approved unfunded approach from the SFY16 Funding Plan that focuses on enhancing early care and education system in Flagstaff. Ms. Majure then introduced Sylvia Johnson, Flagstaff Unified School District Director of Educational Enrichment, who provided an overview on the work of the Flagstaff Commission on Excellence in Education and how that work aligns with the identified unfunded approach. Ms. Johnson also spoke about the Flagstaff Kindergarten Community Transition Team.

The Regional Council briefly discussed the unfunded approach, but did not determine the next steps in moving this work forward. The possibility of forming a sub-committee to further identify and action plan was discussed but the Regional Council did not determine if that would be beneficial. The Regional Council will discuss the unfunded approval again at the April 13 Regional Council meeting in order to determine if the approach is clearly defined, identify the next steps and determine Council member and staff roles in this process.

Regional Director's Report

Chair Stefani turned the discussion for this agenda item over to Ellen Majure. Ms. Majure provided a review on the regional director's report.

Next Regional Council Meeting Date: April 13, 2015 at 3:00pm at North Country Healthcare Flagstaff, Arizona

The next Regional Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 3:00pm at, Flagstaff Arizona.

Adjourn

Chair Stefani called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Johndrow moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Sakiestewa seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

Dated this 25th day of March 2015

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Ellen Majure, Regional Director

Approved by:



Ellen Felty, Administrative Assistant III